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1. EMBASSY GAVE REPEAT ALIGU ENGLUTH TESTS TO SIX OF SEVEN
NOMINEES UNDER ARTICLE I-1 WHO FAILED APRIL EXAMINATIONS
(REFTEL C). ONLY ONE QUALIFIED FOR GRANT, PROVIDED HE CAN
RECEIVE FURTHER INTENSIVE ELT IN U.S. TEST SCORES FOLLOW:
CORNELIU MANU; EU: 77.5 ORAL:64 L:45 VR:47
MARIAN GHEORGHE: EU:47.5 ORAL:69 L:30 VR:33
IOAN ANDONE: EU:10 ORAL:63 L:35 VR:23
IONEL HOPIRTEAN: EU:36.5 ORAL:63.5 L:20 VR:27
IOAN GANSCA: EU:55 ORAL:55 L:40 VR:48

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT MANU BE PLACED ASAP IN JULY/AUGUST ELT
PROGRAM EVEN THOUGH HIS SCORES IN TWO OF FOUR SECTIONS OF
TEST FALL BELOW MINIMUM ALIGU STANDARDS (REFTEL C). MINED
FOR ONCE FOLLOWED OUR SUGGESTION AND PUT MANU IN BUCHAREST
UNIVERSITY INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE FOLLOWING APRIL 5 EXAM
AND HE MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON REGIME OF SIX HOURS
CLASSROOM, FOUR HOURS LAB WORK PER DAY. HIS MOTIVATION IS
HIGH AND COMMITMENT SINCERE. MOREOVER, EMBASSY WANTS TO
ENCOURAGE GREATER USE OF EXCELLENT ROMANIAN LANGUAGE FACILITIES
AS SUGGESTED IN PARA FOUR OF REFTTEL E. AND APPROVAL OF MANU
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GRANT WOULD SHOW OUR GOOD FAITH AND WILLINGNESS TO MEET ROMS

HALFWAY. WE RECOMMEND AGAINST ANY FURTHER LOWERING OF LANGUAGE STANDARDS HOWEVER, DESPITE PRESSURE FROM MINED. EMBASSY HAS NOMINATED SUB-PAR CANDIDATES IN PAST IN EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE MINED AND FILL QUOTAS, BUT CHARLES JELAVICH OF CIES REPORTS CONSIDERABLE U.S. UNIVERSITY DISSATISFACTION WITH THIS TACTIC.

3. HERE THEN IS FINAL BOX-SCORE FOR ART. I-1 NOMINATIONS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED IN REFTEL D:

A. GRADUATE STUDENTS/YOUNG INSTRUCTORS:

BRATIANU: PASSED ENGLISH TEXT, AWAITING EARLY PLACEMENT BY IIE.

MANU: MINIMUM PASS IN ENGLISH TEST, NEEDS ELT PLACEMENT ASAP.

EBINCA: WITHDRAWN (REFTEL C).

ANDONE: FAILED BOTH TESTS, NOT RECOMMENDED.

HOPIRTEAN: FAILED BOTH TESTS, NOT RECOMMENDED.

GHEORGHE: IREX GRANTEE (FAILED BOTH TESTS),

B. RESEARCH SCHOLARS:

OANCEA: FAILED APRIL 5 TEST, NOT RECOMMENDED.

RADESCU: FAILED BOTH TESTS, NOT RECOMMENDED

GINSKA: IREX GRANTEE (FAILED BOTH TESTS).

GABURICI: IREX GRANTEE (NOT TESTED BY EMBASSY).

GHEORGHE, GINSKA AND BAGURICI HAVE NOW BEEN DEFINITELY CONFIRMED AS IREX-APPROVED GRANTEES DESPITE POOR TESTS

SCORES. (FYI, EMBOFF LEARNED FROM MATAACHE/NCST THAT

MINED EVIDENTLY "BORROWED" THE THREE CANDIDATES TO PAD

ITS LIST OF NOMINEES BY MARCH 31 NOMINATING DEADLINE;

THEY WERE INTENDED AS IREX NOMINEES ALL ALONG). EMBASSY

SUGGESTS OBVIOUS DIFFERENCES IN LANGUAGE STANDARDS

REQUIRED BY IREX AND FULBRIGHT OUGHT TO BE RESOLVED SO

WE CAN PRESENT COMMON FRONT TO NCST AND MINED AND AVOID

INVIDIOUS COMPARISON.

4. ROMANIAN PERFORMANCE UNDER ART. I-1 FOR 1976/77 IS CLEARLY DISAPPOINTING TO DATE: SIX OF 17 GRADUATE STUDENTS (FOUR OF THEM RENEWALS); NONE REPEAT NONE OF 18 RESEARCH SCHOLARS. TOTAL FIASCO IN LATTER CATEGORY IS PARTICULARLY PUZZLING SINCE RESEARCH GRANTS TEND TO ENJOY HIGHEST ROMANIAN PRIORITY. MAJOR PROBLEMS APPEAR TO BE SHORTAGE OF LANGUAGE-UNCLASSIFIED

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QUALIFIED CANDIDATES AND STIFF POLITICAL AND SECURITY SCREENING PROCESS FOR ALL CANDIDATES FOR GRANTS OF MORE THAN 90 DAYS.

5. BEARING IN MIND, HOWEVER, MID-TERM REVIEW TALKS AGREEMENT TO DEVELOP MORE FLEXIBILITY AND DIVERSIFICATION IN EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND POTENTIAL RESULTS OF RECENT JELAVICH VISIT, PROSPECTS FOR 1976/77 ARE NOT AS BAD AS THEY LOOK AT FIRST BLUSH. MINED, NCST AND MFA HAVE ALL PROMISED TO MAKE SPECIAL

EFFORT TO PRODUCE SHORT-TERM RESEARCH NOMINEES BY SEPTEMBER 1 FOR JANUARY 77 PLACEMENT, AS SUGGESTED REPEATEDLY BY JELAVICH. MOREOVER, EMBASSY THIS WEEK WILL FORWARD FOUR NOMINATIONS OF SHORT-TERM LECTURER/RESEARCHERS FOR FALL PROGRAMMING; EXPECTS MINED TO CONFIRM PROF. VRABIE FOR ANOTHER ACADEMIC TERM; AND HOPES MINED WILL OFFICIALLY NOMINATE THREE MUSICIAN/LECTURERS FOR WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (SEATTLE) BY JULY 15 FOLLOWING PROF. GARFIAS' VISIT HERE LAST WEEK - SEPTTEL).

6. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP DEADLINE FOR MANU'S ARRIVAL FOR ELT AND RESULTS OF IIE EFFORTS TO SECURE EARLY PLACEMENT OF BRATIANU (REFTEL B).
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